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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7198**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 325

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 9, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Internet Posting of Nonidentifying Information.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Clark

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
X FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that the Division of Family and Children may post certain types of nonidentifying information on the Internet to facilitate the adoptive placement of certain children in need of services.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The costs of this bill are expected to be minimal. The FSSA currently is required to post all children eligible for adoption on the agency website, even those who have identified placements. Only children with identified placements with qualified adoptive parents will be excluded from the posting requirement. In addition, the Division shall remove the information from the website if a court changes a permanency plan for the child to an arrangement other than placement for adoption.

This bill is expected to reduce FSSA staff time and associated costs. The FSSA will no longer have to respond to people who inquire regarding children with identified placements with qualified adoptive parents, since the information regarding these children is not posted. As of November 2002, there were 255 approved qualified adoptive parents. FSSA was not able to present a total cost savings, but noted that there would be a positive impact associated with this bill.

*Background:* For CY 2001 there were 1,076 children adopted through the Division of Family and Children process. The FSSA spent \$84,400 for the training of 211 prospective adoptive parents. The agency spent \$104,000 conducting home studies for 174 prospective adoptive parents. These costs are funded by a 50/50 state/Federal cost share.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Family and Social Services Administration.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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